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Take Heed . . . and Count Your Blessings

In this country and in this community we are blessed abundantly. Daily we thank God for these many blessings, and we appreciate, too, the efforts of others through whom God sends these blessings, our parents, our friends, our church, and our school.

But, too often, it seems we lay aside this attitude of gratitude and appreciation as we make use of and enjoy our blessings from day to day. We fail to realize that we are responsible for the way in which we use our blessings and opportunities.

Let us center our attention, as students, upon one of the great blessings which God has given us, through the efforts of our parents, our school Board, and others who support our school, namely, the facilities which have been provided for our college work—the building, the equipment, and the instructional supplies. At times negligence, carelessness, indifference, disrespect, and lack of appreciation will seem to determine the manner in which we use these facilities.

As we enter a new school year, let us endeavor to make our gratitude and appreciation not only an expression of our lips, but especially a determining factor in the manner in which we use the facilities which have been so graciously placed at our disposal. Further, we can help others to refrain from careless and damaging actions by showing our disapproval of their acts.

PLAY CAST CHOSEN

The play, "Old Doc", chosen by the faculty is well under way. The plans are to present the play the week of November 3rd at Sioux Center, Iowa, Platte, South Dakota, and Prinsburg, Minnesota.

The play is under the direction of Mrs. B. J. Haan and Mrs. Elmer Duistermars.

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FROM The LIBRARY

It is often said that the biggest hypocrite in the world is the boy who comes to school with a smile on his face.

Perhaps also you are aware of the fact that girls at college are of two strata: Those with dates and those with data.

This week, by suggesting a very helpful and informative book and also an interesting magazine article we hope to make the boy's smile more genuine and the girl's data more inclusive. Possibly we can make the students of '57-'58 the brightest ever to darken these halls.

Students at Dordt should become acquainted (if you are not already) with the reference book, "Roget's Thesaurus". This is a must for anyone who attempts to write a theme and has only a limited vocabulary. In a numbered, logical order, one can find in this book all the synonyms and antonyms relating to any word, be it noun, pronoun, verb, adverb, adjective, preposition, or interjection. It is for this reason that it is often called, "the gem of theme composers". If your writing becomes dead, and words must be used over and over again, just refer yourself to this book found in our library under the heading, Reference, numbered 414. It is certain to be of great help to you.

In the September issue of "The Education Digest", on pages 30-31 there is a short article entitled, "Why Do They Hate Classics"? It deals with the distaste and dislike with which many students look upon classical literature. Lewis Gannett, a noted book critic, here attempts to explain some of the causes which are responsible for this hatred among American youth. It is a very interesting and worthwhile article.

In each issue we will attempt to uncover a few of the many good books and magazines found in our library so that you may receive more enjoyment per mile this year at Dordt.

HERE & THERE

by Your Roving Reporter

School has been in session for four weeks and everything is going according to schedule. There has been very little excitement these past four weeks except for the first day when upon entering school, one student received a severe "belly-ache". E. M. is again with us after making a full recovery from an appendectomy.

This year like every other year has brought along its romances. Mr. W.V.W. has been Miss M.K.'s very dependable transportation since the beginning of the school year. Mr. J. G. has been the center of attraction at the girl's "dorm" every time he escorts Miss M.T. to the door.

Last week Friday the speech class presented to Professor De Boer their speeches. The speeches included such topics as "How to Take Care of Seven Children" to "Trapping a Gopher."

Several students have asked why there isn't a longer song service before the chapel speech. They thought it would be a good idea to sing a few more songs, not that they wished to make the speech shorter, but since we have a wonderful singing group we should make the best of it.

For those who love to "stuff" themselves during study periods, it will be good news to know that the commons is now open and ready to serve you.

Your Roving Reporter

Choir Picnic

On Monday, September 30, the choir held its party at Worthington Park in Worthington, Minnesota.

The members of the choir and a few guests left the college campus at 4:30 P.M. in caravan style.

The picnic began with a game of volley ball while the committee pre-

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PLAY CAST CHOSEN (Continued)

The cast chosen from the number of students who tried out is as follows: Old Doc, John Grimmus; Bob, Roger De Stigter; Pa, Andy Brummel; Ma, Cora Jean Schiebout; Margaret, Diane Duistermars; Dick, Vernon Pollema; Janet, Elinor Vander Veen; Mr. Hepple, Kerwin Van Wyhe; Dr. Brand, Willard Van Wyhe; Helen Brand, June Kooima; Mary Selby, Christine Postuma; Mrs. Rossi, Jean Hillenga; Mrs. Cronin, Marilyn Jansen; Mrs. Mellon, Anita Bouma; Lois, Darlene Ulferts.

Committees chosen for the play are: Prompters, Gladys Vos and Myra Sybesma; Make-up, Twyla Holtrop and Stephana Van Roekel; Properties and Costumes, Harriet Peters and Evelyn Faber; Stage Directors, Junior Gesink and Gene Van Stedum.

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CHOIR PICNIC (Continued)

pared the picnic supper. After supper social games were played. The evening was closed with the singing of hymns and choruses around the flickering flames of a lighted fireplace.

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A Freshman?

Did you hear that joke about segregation in schools? If not you'd better see that 1939 graduate of Western!

Born on a farm in the grand old state of Iowa some 36 years ago, Jack Vanden Berg finally decided that school life would be more agreeable to him than farming. Today he is a freshman at Dordt College determined to enter the teaching profession upon completion of his college studies.

Jack was married eleven years ago to a pretty girl who is now the librarian's assistant of our school. They have one boy about five years old.

Prior to his marriage Jack was in partnership with his father in the business of farming, but after his marriage he started in farming for himself. Even though he is going to school he has not given up farming. But he may still be seen harvesting the crops on his splendid acreage.

Through the years Jack's hair has been bleached by the scorching heat of the sun while working on his 200 acre farm.

Even though Jack is older than most of us—and his waistline is beginning to show it—he claims his heart is as young as that of the youngest person at Dordt. Always cheerful and smiling, except after an English grammar test, Jack is a man who represents the real Dordt College spirit.

Mr. Jack Vanden Berg was elected to the presidency of the freshman class in our recent elections, and we are all looking forward to a wonderful year under his competent leadership.

OUR ENGLISH PROFESSOR

Mr. De Boer is our English and speech professor at Dordt College. He is one of the professors who has just joined the Dordt Faculty this fall. And I am sure he is appreciated by all.

As most of you probably already know, Mr. De Boer is from Patterson, New Jersey. He attended the North 4th Street Christian school for eight years. He received his high school education at Eastern Academy where he spent four and one-half years. He spent this time there not because his brain capacity was lacking, but because after two years of high school he decided he was going to attend college and in order to enter Calvin College he had to spend an extra half year in high school in order to get in the required language credits.

Mr. De Boer attended Calvin College for four years and he has been doing graduate work at Montclair State Teachers College in Montclair, New Jersey, and at the University of Iowa.

Mr. De Boer is married and has two children, Bonnie and Wally. He and his family make their residence in Sioux Center.

In the years preceding, Mr. De Boer's advent into Dordt, he taught school in Sanborn, Iowa for two months during the principal's illness; following that he taught four and one-half years in Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa.

I am sure that both students and faculty of Dordt are happy that he has become a part of our environment.

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IN CHAPEL

Thursday, the 26th, we began our chapel with a song service led by Professor Van Til. Rev. Van Schouwen presented us with an interesting chapel talk bases on Psalm 19.

Friday, the 27th, Jack Vanden Berg led our song service. After

SPORTS

Here it is, the beginning of another year of school. So far it has been an enjoyable one as far as college life is concerned.

As far as the field of sports is concerned there has not been much activity as yet. Tryouts for cheerleaders for the coming season were held, and in the near future a few will be appointed from the following group: Diane Duistermars, Stephana Van Roekel, Rosalie Engbers, Twyla Holtrop, Beverly Vanderhaag, and Nellie Huisman.

Basketball season isn't too far off, and by the looks of things Dordt will have quite a powerful team this year. A group of thirteen boys were present at the try-outs last Monday. They are as follows:

Name	Height	Weight
Jim Schapper	6' 5"	185
Howard Faber	6' 4"	200
Harris Duininck	6' 3"	200
Junior Gesink	6' 3"	175
Harlan Van Einde	6' 2"	180
Nelson Vander Pol	6' 1"	170
George Berkumpas	6'	140
Kenneth Draayer	6'	168
Andy Brummel	5' 10"	175
Roger De Stigter	5' 11"	170
Lloyd Schaap	5' 9"	145
Gene Van Stedum	5' 9"	170
Mike Vander Pol	5' 8"	155

A team has not been chosen as yet, but with this group of fine players under the leadership of Coach Brummel. I think Dordt can look forward to quite a successful season.

this Rev. Huissen of Rock Valley, Iowa, gave an inspiring message based on God's word.

Monday, the 30th, our song service was led by Willard Van Wyhe. The message was given by Rev. Van Deelen of Hull, Iowa. He spoke on II Timothy 2, telling us that we are here in college to glorify God constantly and we must ever be aware of that fact. In conclusion, we must cultivate a purely Christian culture.

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